Production of Foodgrains in Punjab

4039. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of foodgrains in the country particularly in the State of Punjab during the last five years;

(b) the name of the States which had the highest growth rate in the foodgrains production; and

(c) what concrete steps Government propose to take to increase the foodgrains in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): The total production of foodgrains in the country and in the State of Punjab during the last five years is as follows:

(Million tonnes)

Year	India	Punjab
1989-90 . .	171.04	18.99
1990-91 . .	176.39	19.25
1991-92 . . .	168.38	19.63
1992-93 . .	179.48	20.01
1993-94 . . .	182.12	21.52

(b) During the recent period of 1980-81 to 1992-93, the States of West Bengal, Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Tamilnadu and Orissa have shown relatively higher growth rates in foodgrains production than the All-India average.

(c) For increasing the productivity and production of foodgrains, crop oriented production programmes viz. Integrated Cereals Development Programme—Rice, Wheat and Coarse Cereals, and National Pulses Development Programme (NPDP) are being implemented. Besides, programmes for increasing the use of fertiliser in low consumption areas and extension of irrigation facilities are being implemented to improve the production of crops.

Incentives for development of Horticulture crops

4040. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 1670 given in Rajya Sabha on 24th March, 1995 and state:

(a) the incentives in terms of rupee and material given by Centre and the State Governments by way of subsidy on planting material for area expansion and for rejuvenation of old plantation, fertilizers, plant protection chemicals, training of farmers, etc. for improving productivity and quality; and

(b) what are the details, terms and amount available for soft loan for development of the infrastructure for post harvest handling and marketing of produce both for domestic and export market provided by National Horticulture Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The incentives assistance available for these items under the centrally sponsored schemes of fruits and cashew development as well as the schemes of Government of Andhra Pradesh are given in Statement I and II respectively (*See* below)

(b) The National Horticulture Board is implementing two schemes during VIII Plan period (i) Integrated project on management of post harvest infrastructure of horticulture crops at a total cost of Rs. 47 crores, and (ii) Development of marketing of